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Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to the community preparedness webinar series we are putting out today. I wanted to thank you and welcome to the online participants. This is going to be recorded so it will be available online on our website in about 48 hours or so. The webinar series supports local efforts in emergency preparedness by highlighting information. Today's webinar is entitled Citizen Corps Council success and and tapping your community's resources. We are lucky to have several presenters from Fresno California.

We are honored to have three presenters that are all award winners this year, the 2010 Citizen Corps national achievement award winners. The Cedar Park's counsel will go first. Yvonne Lane is the team at the could safety coordinator. After that we will have Carla Glazebrook who is executive director of the Citizen Corps Council and Dan Martin whose public safety division chief with the new Lenox Police Department. Our first presenter is Yvonne Lane. I also have fire chief Chris community with me who will be presenting also. We will presenting the Cedar Park Citizen Corps tapping into the resources of teens and youths 14 advocates for community safety which we call the tax program. We are going to be talking about recruiting efforts and how we got started. We develop partnerships with their school districts. This is something we went directly to administrative staff. It takes anywhere from three to six months to make sure this goes on mine but once we met with and develop partnerships with the school system, we were able to promote and create opportunities to recruit within the school district. They are able to wear there uniforms at school and carry the equipment to the campuses. One thing we did do which is different is the student emergency response teams use the health organization. We diversify by going to a lot of the athletic groups, football teams, because the physical activities our program also provides.

We have members that are not plugged in and they are looking for their niche and want to plugin in what they do for their life. The program exposes various career options and teaches life skills as well as the student emergency response team curriculum and also reinforce the character traits we think is important. Also what it takes to function well in the job environment. We use the teens once they get involved and become members as their social network and powering the teens to go to schools to promote the program and recruit members. Right now we have teams that participate in our activities and the same night we will upload pictures and report data on their twitter and Facebook sites and other kids see that and they think it's really cool and called us to join. What helped us in organizing this is we started with one school, made it strong and drove the program and now we are at all the schools.

We keep the teens inspired by embracing a broad range of training activities. They can go from emergency management to homeland security issues. They do search and rescue and CPR training. They promote public events. We work with several organizations. They do one public event and appearance each quarter.

It's important we reinforce the spirit of community service. We want them to have a lifetime for the needs of the community versus themselves. We want them to be givers, not takers. Into training, we separate the teams in small groups from 12 to 15 per group and there can be anywhere from six groups. We work with several organizations that are in emergency management or in fire service or in homeland security and we divide them up into small groups and to each learned one component of what ever they are teaching that night. That gives them an opportunity to work hands-on on the material. We reinforce what they have learned by making them teach it are the new class coming in for the next year, or they go out and do peer-to-peer education.

That gives them ownership of the program versus just being a spectator.

We feel this exposes them to many different organizations that are involved with emergency management. We cross train them in these fields and this can be anywhere from animal shelter in emergencies set up to veterinarian care in an emergency disaster, search and rescue missions. They are exposed to airline and airport security measures.

They serve as victims and disasters working with our hospital and with first responders. Also in other areas, we take into our state capitol and they been involved with health and support bills that promote safety in the state of Texas and they learn how the political process works and may spawn a career in government. It's about exposure and life skills training.

That is the key touchstone as we foster the skill sets. They do rappelling -- we don't put them in one skill set. We expose them to many and they keep practicing by having repetition. The teens were to quit the schools on their own emergency plans. They talk down to the assistant principals and principles doing drills. They have one-on-one time that the principals and administrators of the high schools are well-informed about the program and support it a listen to the team's ideas. They are fair and visible and identify with the schools in the uniform so their peers also know who they are and they can rely on them in an emergency situation. They are also involved in afterschool and they work with employers and businesses like Wal-Mart, and they help their employers train their employees and their peers at their jobs of emergency management and preparedness skills. Be met this reinforces self-esteem and makes them leaders versus not knowing where to connect into society and helping them get back. We find it is much different than explorers and voiced doubts. We do many things outside of fire and EMS. We also have classes that had nothing to do with emergency management but they get exposure to those different types of occupations and that may spark an interest. Also there are numerous letters of recommendations for college applications. This is a unique form of community service and this program has been well received. Our biggest supporters have been the parents. Time and time again we've been told in written and verbal forms that this program has made all the difference. I have not gotten one negative report from a parent. We have a lot to expect. We started with one

high school and initially and we had 80 students signed up the first night. We wanted to make sure we could manage it. We have not had one discipline problem and we've had students outside the program coming in and they had changed their life. I think that's another aspect that goes well beyond.

All of this program is supported by our sponsors. ISA coordinator secure the sponsorship money. For the fundraisers, BT to go out and raise money and bring awareness to other emergency groups like the search and rescue Central Texas dog teams. They raise awareness for the city of Cedar Park fire Department. Many organizations for county management, they go out and raise money for these organizations to show that is a coalition that we are partners for everybody and it's not about themselves but it's about serving others.

One thing we do to build awareness is we make the teens do public speaking. We hope pros conferences at least 12 times a year and the teens are all led by this. They do all of this speaking and some of our teens will tell you that was one of their biggest fear is we expose them to was having to speak at conferences. They have been speakers at several different conferences and in Washington at the roundtable.

They've been to the homeland security conference and invitations have been extended again in 2011.

Because every time we have a dress code they are out there, they are building brand into the name and they are building confidence because the biggest skill we teach them is trust and that is trust in the reliance of other people. One thing they do that is different is the peer to to peer education. They go out into the elementary schools and public facilities and businesses, to the White House, they promote and teach their peers preparedness education, fire education and prevention. Children are all over the place but if you put a teen in front of them, they've got their attention.

We have pictures of the local mall and them reading to the kids and a puppet to reinforce the study. We helped a senior with her senior project in high school. One of the examples is to not use your cell phone and text while driving.

We challenge them to achieve goals by giving the opportunity to overcome fears. We challenge them to do activities like getting over their fear of heights or speaking. If they are more confident in times of disaster, they will be ready to serve.

It also raises confidence in their life over all.

We expose them to what would be asked of them in the future. They do drills that exercises and they have experience in governmental operation where we have brought in people from the city manager's office that have come and talk to them about how funds are done and how communication is drawn down within the organization of city government and help budgets are created.

All of these excellent programs is pushing people outside their comfort zone and make them leaders in the community.

Again, we are touching back on servant leadership which is our foundation philosophy. We put them in situations where others will be reliant on them. We feel like one moment can change their whole life.

And they changed other people's lives by being involved and wanted to make a difference in the community versus being on the sidelines.

We position them as role models. We assistant Grant opportunities for careers in emergency management bills. We provide role models and mentors that are subject matter experts. We have been shadow them or be able to contact them. We keep in touch with them even after they graduate from the program. Some have visited us or e-mailed me and said they saw us on the news. Again, the parents are highly involved and keep in touch with us and let us know what their child is doing in college.

This is primary ninth through 12th grade but we do not kick students out if they are going to college locally or working. We have an adult SERT program that they can migrate over there to. We are in our third year of the program. It continues but a number of students leave the area when they graduate high school and they stay in contact.

Of course, this has renewed a light within even our SERT members. Some of her adults have been helping help coordinate the teen program. We've also seen some of the emergency management and organizations out there. The kids are so excited and it's inspired them and it lets them know how important they are. It's a domino effect. It is something the teens have drawn a lot of excitement because they are so excited and ready to serve.

Thank you.

Thank you, Yvonne and to the chief from Cedar Park, Texas. We love you to share what's going on with their communities and we encourage you to keep on doing what you're doing. I think it's an inspiration to all of the Citizen Corps councils. Without further ado, our next presenter is Carla Glazebrook from Fresno, California.

Thank you for having me. It was impressive watching the presentation from Texas and were going to take a look at our community level efforts with Citizen Corps going back to 2002. We share the same goal in terms of encouraging people to be prepared and volunteer and support first responders we needed. We invested heavily during our start a period in getting to know our community partners and engaging support for the mayor and elected officials. Our theory was we were going to go 90 miles an hour behind the scenes and 10 miles an hour in the public until we had effected everyone's concerns. We literally had 100 one-on-one meetings with our key community stakeholders and that has served us well. It put the concerns that might have surfaced out on the table about competition and so forth early on in the process. The idea was to respect the work being done by organizations that predated Citizen Corps and of course we all know them as the Red Cross and Salvation Army and so many others. That worked well for us. From

those experiences we decided we were going to keep our counsel simple, build in and support the programs that were already in the community and don't compete with them which I think is important. I think we are being asked to do more in our programs with fewer resources. Our collaboration is I think more important than ever and to include the folks who want to be included. I am a staff of one and all the work we do is achieved through the work that are volunteers and partners. Like many of you we want to add a volunteer capacity to our emergency response and public safety organization and be prepared to respond to any type of emergency. Our structure is similar to most of years, we include safe community, military, emergency responders and youth organization and building industry contacts.

We think the partnerships that we are building is not the icing on the cake but literally are the cake itself. We have met more than 80 times together as a Council since forming after September 11 and 1 of the strategies we use is to move our Council meetings every month to a partner location. The idea behind that is we become knowledgeable about our partners, their resources and challenges and that hasn't cost us one dime but it has served us very well. You will see that the important thing and that as we develop knowledgeable networks before we need them, I think one of the things I hoped he would take away is the issue of reciprocity. That we respect our partners and we ask from each other and try and give back to one of them in and way that makes sense. By using our partners we are able to promote training, exercises and service activities with relatively little additional costs. We will partner with basically anyone who will ask us. You can see a list of the types of programs and activities we are involved with and I will illustrate that with some examples.

We have a business, industry and government work group that meets every month and includes some of the agencies you see here. There may be some unusual ones like you're Department of Transportation and flood control with the traditional workers of law, fire and universities. We have great partnerships with our state organizations and of course California volunteers. We encourage everyone to take the training. I think one of the things that is unique about our program is we have no paid staff except myself. All of her training is done by subject matter experts who donate their time. We've never charged a fee to anyone who has wanted to take CERT training.

One of our schools ask them -- when her first response agencies were planning an exercise, they needed volunteers that could speak languages other than English. It was great to be able to bring the students and to participate with them and add something to the exercise. They were well respected and appreciated for their work and they got to participate in the hot wash afterwards. That's an example of give back.

We have a great relationship with the international guard 144th fighter wing. They have hosted many training activities on behalf of and they have a fantastic terrorism awareness program we have repeatedly done with them. It brings military closer to the community and community closer to the military. A contractor started a fire on the base not long after and the instruction was because we had been vetted that someone in a green shirt is allowed in and we were able to help with the other first responders. Here our fire department wanted to start a citizens fire a cavity so

volunteers helped undertake the organizational and administrative roles to help create this program. We had a fantastic citizens fire Academy. When the fire department needs volunteers to come back for their exercises and events, this is an example of having our volunteers out for three days providing measure of rehab and logistical support for the firefighters. Our host got to learn about vehicle extrication and personal safety and so forth.

I've got a frozen screen.

Carla, this is Tom, if you can tell me which slide, I can switch it.

If you want to advance, we can keep moving here it.

On my end, we are on the senior safety day event slide.

If you could move over to where it is on the screen, that would be great.

Do you know the title of the slide we are on?

Fresno fire mobilization. In any case, one of the things you will see photos if they do come up, we have a great partnership with the U.S. Postal Service. They come out and do anthrax biodetection training for our volunteers. When they have their biohazard exercise, our volunteers come out and decontaminate for them. We worked closely with our Americans with disabilities office and they have helped coach goes through preparation for some of our emergency training exercises which is added a tremendous component to what we are able to offer in a real event. We work closely with the Fresno Police Department. We do things with them like each year they offer a briefing on crowd behavior and safety in large crowds. We returned service to them by acting as their large crowds when they are doing their annual exercises to train their mounted patrol for public events. We work with the health department to do all types of their training and activities. Fantastic support from our mayor and police chief and when they ask us to come out and go door to door to visit seniors for welfare checks and safety inspections of their homes, we drew 100 volunteers out to do that in a single day. Now you can see the pictures coming up with our work with the police department training.

Some of our private sector partners include the large and small businesses, event Arenas, banking and finance institutions, hospitals, utilities and Apartment associations. We also work with the demolition company who gives us their facilities each spring or fall to do a skills day where we raid their debris piles to build shelters.

I think the thing I would encourage you to take away from our message, and I believe the PowerPoint will be available to access later is that we ask from our partners but we also try and be good partners to them and that we don't duplicate the work of our partners in the community. I think that is enabled us to be a trusted resource and to give back to the community. I think one of the key elements that has been important to us is to thank our volunteers to respect our partners and beer resource to them and that is one of the things that contributed to the underlying success of our program. With that, thank you for having me.

Thank you, Carl. A terrific presentation. Sorry for that technical glitch. Our motto is flexibility.

Our next presenter is Dan Martin from new Lenox, Illinois. Dan, as your PowerPoint loads, take it away.

Thank you for the invitation to be here today. We are relatively new Council and we were fortunate to win the newcomer award so by seeing some of these presentations from Fresno in Cedar Park, it's amazing to see the best practices out there from councils that have been around for some time. For those that are not familiar with where New Lenox is located, we are 40 miles southwest of Chicago and we serve a population of approximately 25,000. What I'd like to share today during this presentation is the fact our council is somewhat unique in that we started as a safe community coalition and for those not familiar with the safe communities movement, I will talk briefly about that today. What I'd also like to demonstrate to the presentation is how we safe communities coalition and the Citizen Corps Council can basically complement each other. I'll just take a moment to discuss our mission statement. We utilize a collaborative approach to improving the health, safety and quality of life through our residents and visitors. One of the things that's important to the safe communities movement is the collection and analysis of injury data. Our partners within our organization, two in particular, the New Lenox fire protection District and Silver Cross Hospital our members and a wonderful job collecting and analyzing injury data. It is from that data center provides the direction and guidance for the programs we create with regard to safety and prevention of injuries. It's a key component to what we do in New Lenox with our safe communities coalition.

The oversight for the safe communities coalition is provided by the World Health Organization and the national safety Council. We are fortunate here in Illinois at the national safety Council headquarters is located in Itasca, Illinois outside of Chicago. Essentially in January of 2009, we held our first meeting of our safe communities coalition and that kicked off our application process to become a designated community and it's a relatively aggressive process. There's a lot of programs that have to be accomplished through the application process here it we have individuals representing over 20 organizations that participate in our Safe Communities Coalition much like the Citizen Corps councils throughout the country. Again, part of the application process is we had to inventory if you will, what our respective organizations have available to the community with regard to safety related programs. It was interesting to find as we sat down as community members to find that was some of the organizations were doing and we found there were some organizations that were doing the same thing as others. It was beneficial to us to identify the programs available so we became more efficient. As we noted in the previous slide, the collection of injury data and the analysis was important to the creation of our programs and safety related issues. As we move through the application process and answer the questions which we also called indicators, we completed the application in about 14 months and we submitted it to the natural safety Council headquarters which is also the certifying center for the United States. After the completed application was submitted, we were scheduled for an on-site and we had evaluators come in and spend two days and after a successful application and

a successful on-site visit, we were designated as a safe community on June 8, 2010, and we are fortunate to be the ninth community in the United States to achieve this designation. One of the questions on the Safe Communities Coalition application is what we were doing to prepare citizens for emergencies and disasters. You can see the safe communities also has a flavor of what the Citizen court Council has as well rid although we are doing good things in the community in this area and preparing citizens for emergency disasters, we felt we could do more so we began research and determined that standing up a Citizen Corps Council and emergency response team would be beneficial to our application and it would be beneficial to our community as well. Following the adoption of a resolution by our village board, we had our first meeting in 2009. We took the members of our safe communities coalition and have been double as Citizen Corps members. Since that time we've recognized our emissions, the mission of the Citizen Corps Council and the safety coalition, they are very much alike and complementary. In the interest of efficiency we have moved our meetings together once a month and we've combined our agendas and we have a flavor of the Safe Communities Coalition in our agenda in that we really touch on health, safety and injury prevention and we also have a flavor of the Citizen Corps Council where we focus on emergency preparedness and volunteerism. We feel the Safe Communities Coalition and the Citizen Corps Council Successes are complementary to each other.

Part of the requirements for the safe communities application was to find out that what was in the best interest of the community in terms of preparing our citizens for emergencies and disasters. I'd like to spend a little more time on our CERT because essentially it is our CERT folks that have carried out the mission of our Citizen Corps Council. Like most Citizen Corps and most community emergency response teams out there, we recognize that our community is stricken by and large-scale emergency or disaster, our first responders resources will be taxed. We felt it was important to train residents and emergency preparedness so they can take care of themselves and their families and neighbors. Our program is managed through our police department with guidance and oversight from our Citizen Corps Council. We've had a very successful program. We had our first meeting last July and surprisingly we had 92 people show up to the meeting and that basically set the tone and the classes for our first three CERT classes. We've trained 140 residents in a little over a year and three additional classes planned for this year. We are looking forward to moving forward with our CERT team.

The CERT team is important to the mission of our Citizen Corps and important to the safe communities coalition. One of the things we believe that is unique to our team is our committee structure. We have seven standing committees. We have public information, emergency preparedness, community service and volunteerism, shelter management, functional needs, training and communications. It's the individuals that participate in these committees that participate in library events, farmers markets and parades and they carry the message to the community with regard to preparedness activities and volunteer activities. We are proud of these individuals on our CERT team and across every segment of our six IT. We've got IT people, carpenters and nurses. We are fortunate, Illinois held its first annual CERT challenge and we sent a team and they had only been together for a short period of time. They finished second place and it was a testament to their commitment and dedication and their desire to continue and learned preparedness skills.

Some of the programs as we move forward as a Citizen Corps Council and a community response team and Citizen Corps, much like we've done with the Safe Communities Coalition, our volunteers now double as medical reserve Corps volunteers. In the event we get a large-scale disaster, we get a pandemic outbreak and public-health needs assistance, our CERT volunteers can assist with that type of event or those types of situations in terms of public information and so forth. Another one of the programs we are trying to advance is suicide prevention and awareness program. With regard to safe communities, one of the things that drives what we do are the injury statistics. Unfortunately in our community which is similar to other communities, we've had eight increase in suicide and attempted suicide. Or try to put together a comprehensive program to include a website with information and resources. We are trying to do things to raise awareness. We are trying to put together community events such as walks and dances. Those are some of the things were going to be working on with our Citizen Corps Council and safe communities as we move forward this year.

A few more examples of some of the programs were getting involved in, again, the injury data and programs we have available to our community is what drives what we do. In our community, we have a problem with slips, trips and falls in our 65 and over population and at-risk population. Were trying to develop a program which will consist of public education and awareness. Would like to try to get folks together for a breakfast or lunch where we can provide public information regarding this issue. And then send these folks home with a home hazard analysis where they can look for hazards. They can do it themselves or get a loved one or someone else to assist them with that. Or perhaps even one of our first responders can help them with a home hazard analysis. The third component to a well rounded program is something to give these folks strength and balance. Our research has found that Tai Chi classes are a good way to increase their strength and balance. That is pretty much what we are looking into. Another program we are promoting this year to our Citizen Corps Council and through our CERT team is the resolve to be ready campaign. As I mentioned, our CERT volunteers that are active in the community, they will be out on the weekends and different events and passing out the materials we have available and promoting this type of preparedness campaign throughout 2011. I did get permission from Donna Stein Harris at the national safety Council. For those interested in the safe communities in America initiative, they can contact Donna. This has her contact information. At the end of the presentation my contact information is available, too. The purpose of the presentation is to demonstrate a community can have a safe communities coalition and they can have a Citizen Corps Council and we find a complementary and definitely in the best interest of the community. Mike?

Thanks, Dan. That was Dan Martin from the New Lenox, Illinois Citizen Corps Council. I'd like to thank all of our presenters and on my participants for joining us. We've heard examples of local successes and community preparedness efforts. Citizen Corps Council from Texas, California and we hope highlighting these efforts will help your community build upon the efforts within your jurisdiction.

At this time were going to offer a Q&A session. I also bought to note the next screen will allow you to download each PowerPoint presentation so following the Q&A, we will allow users to download each PowerPoint presentation. On the screen in front of you for all the online

participants, there is a large checkbox. On the bottom of the screen there is a text field and you can type in your question and click the arrow and that will submit the question to us and we will forward that to our presenters and we would try to answer as many questions you have today. Again, thank you to our presenters and online participants. We had a great turnout today. Up to 170 participants and we really appreciate your support. At this time were going to take a moment to field some questions and we will do this in one minute. Thank you.

The first question is from Scott, an online purchase of asks, are any of your groups making a social media effort using Twitter for Facebook and I'd like to add any other social media campaigns or awareness tools you folks are using. I do want to stress for each of the online participants, if you have a question for a particular Council, please identify that person, whether it's Carl from Fresno, Dan from New Lenox, or Yvonne from Texas. Please identify who you're asking the question. Because this one didn't say who, it looks like it's too everybody. I can go down the list if anybody has a specific social media campaign or tool they would like to share with others. Yvonne, do you in Texas?

I know our teens have an active Facebook page. They are heavily involved in Twitter in keeping people in touch with what is going on at their schools. It goes simultaneously too all the members and students in their network. We found Facebook has been very helpful for us and if anything was to happen, that information is passed on immediately. We feel like the teens are a good resource and some of our teens are teaching older CERT members about social media and Internet. I know we post all of our exercises and public service announcements on YouTube. That's terrific. Does your Citizen Corps Council Council in Fresno, California have any? We are about to launch an effort to do the things that Yvonne just described. Working at a government agency, we had our computers blocked from Facebook and YouTube for some time but our new mayor is a great proponent of using social media. This is now a wide open field for us.

Sounds great. Dan Martin from New Lenox, Illinois? Any social media networks going on? We have a Facebook page for our CERT team. We found it useful as a recruitment tool. We also find it useful, a lot of the information that comes from FEMA and the Illinois emergency management agency and our county, there are different preparedness tips that come out and we make it a point to pass along the information to our users.

Thanks, Dan. We have another question, Dan, what would you suggest as a volunteer for getting my town to initiate some sort of emergency preparedness program? I know you're involved in a couple different things. Perhaps this could be a good question for you to field.

Obviously it is something you have to garner local support from. I would suggest approaching a village board or a city council, perhaps your local police department or fire department and try to determine if there is interest in any sort of emergency response team, such as a CERT team. I know our program we are fortunate to have almost 100 percent funding through the homeland security grants that are channeled down to the Illinois emergency management. This is basically

at no cost to our taxpayers and it's a beneficial program we have in the community. I would suggest at a local level trying to approach the the fire department, police department, or someone at the village or city level to try to move forward with one of those programs. Thank you. The next question on the board I'm going to leave up to anyone who wants to jump on. As a professional I would like to know if any of you or your programs incorporate GIS to map resources, members, skills or inventories.

This is Carla, we are using it to a limited extent that California volunteers is developing a disaster volunteer resource inventory as a free tool to do those types of functions. That is coming up for us quite soon. Were going to look at helping to pilot that program before we create something separate.

Thank you. Anybody else?

In New Lenox, the thing we are doing with regard to GIS is we have a map of our village and working with the GIS village at the hall, he is able to input each of the locations for responders for our CERT members. At a glance, you can look at how our coverage goes across the village with regard to where our residents live that volunteer with our CERT program.

Thank you. Another question on the board is almost redundant in that a lot of folks are submitting questions right now about partnerships. This when I selected was from a ham radio operator interested in emergency preparedness, how can we best help each other? I think I would start off by reframing the question, how do your counsels work with partnerships and what our different ways you guys approach those issues?

This is Carla, we have a fantastic relationship with our ham radio operators individually and as groups. Each time ever folks graduate the CERT program, we encourage them to become a ham radio operator. In some ways I feel like an air traffic controller because my job is to post information so they know when the classes are available. We partner with ham radio organizations and encourage individuals to become ham radio operators.

This is Yvonne, we do have one of our CERT members who is a licensed radio operator. He does two classes a year. The teens are encouraged to attend these trainings and they are exposed to dispatch and ham radio operations. Three of our students have already become licensed and are participating in the Williamson County ham radio operators Association here.

This is Carla, we also encourage ham radio operators to take the CERT training because I think anytime we speak a common language and understand the tools and resources and capabilities of our partners are, that is beneficial too all of us.

Mike, in New Lenox we have one of our CERT members is a certified ham radio operator and he also started up the Illinois radio league. With our committee structure we have the communications committee and the focus on our radio communications and it's our goal. We have 13 individual teams that fall under the larger team and it's our goal to have at least one member from each of our teams certified as an amateur radio operator.

The next question we have is from Ed, with so many organizations intercommunity like CERT, and Red Cross, do you see the Citizen Corps as the hub that brings these groups together? That's a great question and I think you've answered the question to us. Citizen Corps in many ways is a neutral convener. It's a place for key stakeholders to come to the table to share information and resources to ensure we are not duplicating each other's work and we've formed some interesting partnerships through the work we do around the table. Like some of our partners we have both the Council, which is the CEO level group for our work and then we have the business industry government working group. That is a large and growing group of people that includes safety officers, emergency planners and people as part of their professional work become good resources to one another. I think they look forward to being together and we also have a space-based committee that meets also. I think anytime you can put people around the table to candidly share information about what tools and resources they have and the challenges they are facing, it's been interesting to see.

Thank you, Carla. I just want to note that I think councils across the nation do it differently. Each Council is set up differently and has different responsibilities but generally I think you hit a lot on the main pieces there. Councils are an inclusive body of oftentimes working with and/or coordinating efforts.

I do see one question about liability concerns if I can find that real quick. The question is, how are liability issues handled utilizing students? I went to quickly mention the citizens Corps website does have a liability guide to support liability issues with Citizen Corps and disaster volunteer programs. Hopefully that answers most of your questions. If any of the presenters on the line have a specific response of that, feel free to chime in.

Mike, I will answer to the best of my ability. We have our volunteers signed an indemnification held harmless. If they are under 18, obviously we are getting permission from a. Or legal guardian. In addition to that, we are looking toward having our volunteers sworn in under our emergency management act here it.

This is Yvonne, that is how our citizen quarter operates also. We have many liability forms and even forms for photograph releases and waivers of liability that the students if they are 18 and older can sign, or the parents must sign.

This is Carla, that is us without.

Thank you Carla and to all of our presenters. This just about wraps up our presentation on Citizen Corps Council Successes from across the nation. At this time we welcome you to enter the online poll in front of you. We hope you had a great experience here today and hope you learned a lot. If you would like up-to-date information on Citizen Corps and the community preparedness division, we encourage you to follow us on Twitter and we encourage you to sign up for our citizen core news Digest e-mail subscription which is also available on our website. It's free and includes the latest news and information in the field of community premiere at --committed to preparedness. Feel free to download any of the files in front of you. Thank you all and thank you to our presenters. Have a good day. [Event Concluded]